



## MINUTES

### RILEY COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2015

The Riley County Park Advisory Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in the Riley Library. Board members in attendance were Joe Edmunds, Janie Dunstan, Alan Brown, Tom Finney, Michael Gassmann, Deandra Anderson, and Kenneth Carroll. Staff members in attendance included Leon Hobson, Greg Lund, Mary Graham, and Gregg Eyestone. County Commissioners Bob Boyd and Ben Wilson were also in attendance. Guest included Tim Sharp, Jutta Carroll and ten residence of the University Park Improvement District.

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Joe Edmunds. Introductions were made and minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Elise Keister gave a presentation on the University Park Improvement district and the proposed project for University Park storm shelter and community event center. They would like the community center to include space for 150-200 people with a kitchenette and restroom. They believe the storm shelter and community center would be beneficial for not only their community but the surrounding communities as well. Elise gave a brief history of the University Park housing development. She is part of the enhancement committee to promote University Park. Their goals are to raise funds, utilize social media for promotional purposes, and visit with the Riley County Park Advisory Board. They would like to become part of the Riley County Park system and have access to funds that would help them achieve their goals. Their timeline is flexible and the community is very supportive of the project.

Greg Lund reviewed the budget summary and noted that the community park budget allocations are now on the summary. He also reported on the progress of county and community parks.

**Keats Park** - The curbing project is complete and seeded.

**Fairmont Park** - The trail project has been rained out recently but the limestone is all in place and the concrete work is  $\frac{3}{4}$  completed. Twenty trees have been planted.

**Leonardville Park** - Bids are out for the chain link fence for the tennis court.

**Ogden Park** - The limestone screenings have been placed on the ballfield and the benches have been ordered.

**Randolph Park** - The restroom replacement is still being discussed and a proposal has been made to the commissioners to help support this project out of CIP funds.

**Riley Park** - The security system has been installed around the pool.

**CiCo Park** - The water detention structure is near completion. We have completed asphalt overlays with new curbing in the park as well.

The park crew has been kept busy mowing and dealing with storm damage.

Leon Hobson discussed the 2016 park operating budget request made to the Board of County Commissioners. He has requested an additional \$10,000 be added to the 2016 community park allocations. He is also proposing \$40,000 each year in CIP funds to be made available as a grant to other communities to help rebuild restrooms in community parks. There were no other increases requested.

There was some discussion about the Little Apple Soccer Club still being interested in the fields at Fairmont Park. There is currently an adult soccer group utilizing the corner field. Little Apple Soccer Club did have a contract with Riley County but we feel this contract has lapsed due to Little Apple Soccer Club not maintaining the fields as agreed. This board needs to discuss whether we want to continue to leave the lease option open or to develop the site ourselves. Mike Gassmann reported Fairmont Park is not currently being considered in conversations at the City Board meetings for development for indoor facilities.

The board toured the Riley Parks and Alan Brown discussed the improvements made in recent years pointing out the most recent installation of security cameras at the pool.

The board agreed the next park board meeting would be held in Leonardville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.